

It is time to end this charade.

It is time to stop providing aid and comfort to an insurrection.

It is time to stop lying to the American people.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 40 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 2 p.m.

#### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Gracious God, thank You for giving us another day.

As we near the end of a long and difficult year, signs of hope begin to emerge. The long and difficult work of compromise and problem-solving has been encouraging. Continue to inspire the men and women of Congress to work together to fashion bills to fund the government and offer assistance to those who find themselves on the edge of economic disaster.

Bless as well those who, in great hope, deliver vaccines to the men and women who have been on the front line of the battle against the plague of COVID-19. May their work continue in good and improving health. Comfort those who have suffered the loss of loved ones during this difficult year.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 967, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

#### MOMENT OF SILENCE IN REMEMBRANCE OF AMERICANS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY FROM THE COVID-19 VIRUS

The SPEAKER. The Chair asks all Members in the Chamber, as well as

Members and staff throughout the Capitol, to rise for a moment of silence in remembrance of more than 300,000 Americans who have passed away from the COVID-19 virus.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

#### REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF DICK HINCH, SPEAKER OF NEW HAMPSHIRE HOUSE

(Mr. PAPPAS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise to remember the life and legacy of State Representative Dick Hinch, the speaker of the New Hampshire House. I was deeply saddened last week when I learned of the sudden passing of Speaker Hinch. He was yet another American we have lost due to COVID-19.

Dick was a dedicated elected official for the people of Merrimack, the town he represented at the State house for six terms. Just a week before his passing on December 2, Dick was sworn in as the new speaker of the New Hampshire House, a role he considered to be the honor of his life.

I saw him on election day, when he warmly greeted me at his polling place just like everyone else coming to vote. It didn't matter that I was a Democrat and he was a Republican. He knew that public service was a higher calling, and he treated everyone with the utmost respect.

Dick was a happy warrior and embodied the spirit of New Hampshire's citizen legislature. We are better off because of his decades of work on behalf of the people of Merrimack and New Hampshire.

My thoughts are with his wife, Pat, and their children, as well as his family, friends, and colleagues, during this difficult time. May he rest in peace.

#### REMEMBERING PATROLMAN TYLER HERNDON

(Ms. FOXX of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Patrolman Tyler Herndon of Kings Mountain, North Carolina, who passed away on December 11 in the line of duty.

He was a dedicated public servant, and many who knew him knew that he loved his job and his community immensely.

To his father, Mark; mother, Debbie; sister, Lindsey; and girlfriend, Holly, Tyler was someone who always put a smile on people's faces.

Tyler always wanted to be in law enforcement. After he received his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from

UNC-Charlotte, he went on to pursue his dream.

May God bless Tyler's family and the many brave men and women serving with the Mount Holly Police Department.

#### WE MUST WORK TOGETHER

(Mr. CARTWRIGHT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to exhort all of us in this Chamber to work together.

I know there are those of us in this Chamber for whom the spending of one Federal dollar is a physically painful event, but now is not the time to be deficit hawks. Now is the time for us to come together.

The United States of America is more than the sum of its parts. In times of great danger to our Nation, we come together, and the Federal Government leads the way. We did it when we defeated fascism in Europe and Asia. We did it when we rebuilt Europe and Asia to become great allies and peaceful and productive partners.

We can do it again. We have a terrible enemy right now in the COVID virus. It is wrecking our economy, and it is killing our people. We have lost more than 300,000 people, more than our combat losses in World War II.

Let's work together for robust COVID relief for our economy. Let's get it done, Mr. Speaker.

#### CONGRATULATING PRESIDENT TRUMP ON VACCINE SUCCESS

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, The Washington Times editorial board is appreciated for publishing "Joy, and Vaccines to the World," where they praised President Donald Trump for his efforts to bring a vaccine to the United States faster than any other vaccine in history.

The article is explaining:

The lifesaving COVID-19 vaccine that President Trump promised to deliver has arrived in record time. Hallelujah.

On Friday, the Food and Drug Administration concluded its review of the front-running vaccine developed and gave a green light for distribution. Initial shipments are expected to reach all 636 locations across the 50 States by today.

"Promises made, promises kept," Mr. Trump likes to say. That is the can-do spirit that makes America special. Just in time for Christmas, the fruits of Operation Warp Speed are starting to bring joy to the world.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

Our family's sympathy for the death of former DNC Chairman Don Fowler.